

Farm Facts For South Carolina

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THIS ISSUE'S HIGHLIGHTS

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COMMERCIAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION

COMMERCIAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION: Selected States, and United States July, 2011

(Includes total, beef, veal, pork, lamb, and mutton. Totals and percentage based on unrounded data)

Selected States	July 2010	June 2011	July 2010	July 2011 as % of 2010
	Million Pounds			Percent
Florida	9.5	10.0	9.3	98
Georgia	9.5	11.5	10.4	110
Kansas	465.7	506.7	443.2	95
Nebraska	599.0	622.8	568.7	95
North Carolina	182.3	198.9	173.8	95
South Carolina	19.5	19.5	17.6	90
Texas	434.5	494.5	431.5	99
UNITED STATES	3,955.5	4,218.4	3,793.4	96

COMMERCIAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION: United States, July, 2011

(Totals, accumulated totals and percentages based on unrounded data)

Class	July 2010	June 2011	July 2011	July 2011 as % of	
				July 2010	June 2011
	----- Million Pounds -----			----- Percent -----	
Beef	2,229.6	2,374.6	2,135.2	96	90
Veal	10.9	11.2	10.1	92	90
Pork	1,702.2	1,820.1	1,637.2	96	90
Lamb and Mutton	12.8	12.6	10.9	85	87
Total Red Meat	3,955.5	4,218.4	3,793.4	96	90

POULTRY SLAUGHTER

The Preliminary total live weight of poultry inspected during July 2011 was 4.66 billion pounds, down 2 percent from 4.75 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 4.01 billion pounds, down 2 percent from July 2010.

Mature chickens, at 72.9 million pounds, were up 2 percent from the previous year. Young chickens slaughtered during July 2011 averaged 5.76 pounds per bird, up 3 percent from July 2010.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight, Pounds Certified, Post-Mortem Condemnations, Selected States and United States, July, 2010

Selected States	Number Slaughtered	Total Live Weight	Average Live Weight	Total Chilled and Frozen Pounds Certified 1/	Post-Mortem Condemnations	
					Carcass and Parts	Percent 2/
	Thou.	Thou. Lbs	Pounds	Thou. Lbs		Percent
Alabama	83,439	469,857	5.63	355,821	2,845	0.79
Georgia	100,944	546,145	5.41	414,094	2,679	0.64
North Carolina	60,826	431,853	7.10	334,568	3,437	1.02
South Carolina	18,881	120,710	6.39	91,708	596	0.65
United States	696,209	4,009,704	5.76	3,011,901	23,225	0.77

1/ Ready-to-cook weights. 2/ Pounds condemned as percent of pounds certified plus post-mortem condemnations.

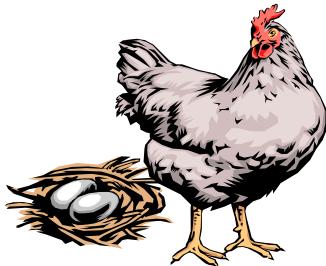
EGG PRODUCTION

SOUTH CAROLINA'S laying flocks produced 100 million eggs during July, up 14 percent from last year. Production totaled 78 million table eggs and 22 million hatching eggs. The number of layers averaged 4,502,000 birds, up 8 percent from 4,180,000 a year ago. July egg production per 100 layers was 2,221 eggs, compared with 2,105 in 2010.

UNITED STATES egg production totaled 7.74 billion during July 2011, up slightly from last year. Production included 6.65 billion table eggs, and 1.09 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.02 billion were broiler-type and 68 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during July 2011 averaged 336 million, down 1 percent from last year. July egg production per 100 layers was 2,304 eggs, up 1 percent from slightly from July 2010.

**Average Layers and Egg Production
Selected States and United States**

Selected States	Average No. of Layers	Eggs Produced	Eggs per 100 Layers
	Thousand	Million	Number
Alabama	9,223	180	1,952
Florida	9,416	219	2,326
Georgia	15,921	343	2,154
North Carolina	13,391	274	2,046
South Carolina	4,502	100	2,221
United States	335,763	7,735	2,304



BROILER HATCHERY PRODUCTION

During the month of July, SOUTH CAROLINA'S broiler hatcheries produced 19.7 million chicks, down 9 percent from last year's 21.8 million chicks.

THE UNITED STATES broiler-type chicks hatched during July 2011 totaled 770 million, down 4 percent from July 2010. Eggs in incubators totaled 610 million on August 1, 2011, down 6 percent from a year earlier.

**CHICKS HATCHED by Type
South Carolina and U.S., July 2011**

Flock Type and Area	July 2011	January - July
	Thousand	
<i>Broiler Type:</i>		
SOUTH CAROLINA	19,745	134,542
United States	770,368	5,408,778
<i>Egg Type:</i>		
United States	37,405	286,128



MUSHROOMS

Sales of the 2010-2011 United States mushroom crop totaled 862 million pounds, up 9 percent from the 2009-10 season. Value of sales for the 2010-11 U.S. mushroom crop is \$1.02 billion, up 10 percent from the previous season. The number of growers, at 282, is down 35 from last season. The average price is \$1.18 per pound, up 1 cent from a year ago.

Agaricus mushroom volume of sales totaled 845 million pounds, up 9 percent from the 2009-2010 season. The value of the Agaricus crop was estimated at \$966 million dollars, up 9 percent from the 2009-2010 season.

Value of sales for commercially grown specialty mushrooms in 2010-11 totaled 50.1 million, up 27 percent from the 2009-10 season. The average price per pound received by growers, at \$2.97, is up 41 cents from the previous season.

**Agarius and Specialty Mushrooms:
Number of Growers, Volume of Sales, Price, and Value of
Sales, 2008-2011**

Year	Growers 1/	All Sales		
		Volume of Sales	Price per Pound 2/	Value of Sales
	Number	1,000 Pounds	Dollars	1,000 Pounds
2008-09	289	819,775	1.170	958,896
2008-10	317	792,493	1.170	923,889
2010-11	282	861,792	1.180	1,016,256

1/ Number of growers counted once if growing both Agaricus and specialty mushrooms. 2/ Prices for mushrooms are the average prices producers receive at the point of first sale, commonly referred to as the average price as sold.

COTTON GINNINGS

**GINNINGS: As of August 1, Crop Years 2009-2011
By Crop, State and United States**

State	Running Bales Ginned		
	2009	2010	2011
All Cotton			
Texas	5,150	(1)	202,750
United States	5,150	(1)	202,750

1/ Not published to avoid disclosing individual gins.

CROP PRODUCTION

Based on September 1, yield for soybeans is up from last year, while yields were down for cotton, corn, tobacco, and peanuts.

Cotton production in 2011 is forecast at 470,000 bales – up 7 percent from last month and up 25 percent from last year. Yield per acre is expected to average 745 pounds, down 43 pounds from the August forecast, and down 153 pounds from the 2010 yield. Acreage for harvest, at 303,000 acres, is up 51 percent from 2010.

Corn production in 2011 is expected to total 19.4 million bushels, down 5 percent from last month, and down 36 percent from last year. Expected yield per acre of 57 bushels is down 3 bushels from the August forecast, and down 34 bushels from 2010. Acreage for harvest as grain, at 340,000, is up 5,000 acres from 2010.

Flue-cured tobacco production, as of September 1, is forecast at 23.2 million pounds. This is down 6 percent from last month's forecast, and down 36 percent from last year's production of 36.0 million pounds. Yield per acre of 1,600 pounds is down 100 pounds from last month, and down 650 pounds from last year. Acreage for harvest, at 14,500, is unchanged from last month, but down 1,500 acres from a year ago.

Soybean production this year is forecast at 10.1 million bushels, up 8 percent from last month, but down 3 percent from last year. Expected yield per acre of 26.0 bushels is up 2 bushels from the August forecast, and up 3 bushels from 2010. Acres for harvest, at 390,000, are down 65,000 acres from a year ago.

Peanut production is forecast at 219.0 million pounds – up 14 percent from last month and up 1 percent from a year ago. Yield per acre, at 3,000 pounds is up 100 pounds from August, but down 400 pounds from the 2010 yield. Acreage for harvest, at 73,000, is up 9,000 acres from last year.

CROP PRODUCTION

CROPS: Planted and Harvested Acreage, Yield and Production, SOUTH CAROLINA and U. S., as of September 1, 2011

Crop	Planted Acres (000)		Harvested Acres (000)		Yield per Harvested Acres		Total Production (000)	
	2010	Indicated 2011	2010	Indicated 2011	2010	Indicated 2011	2010	Indicated 2011
SOUTH CAROLINA								
Corn for GrainBu.	350	360	335	340	91.0	57.0	30,485	19,380
Cotton, Upland.....Lb. & Bales	202.0	305.0	201.0	303.0	898	745	376.0	470.0
Hay, AllTon	--	--	360	390	2.00	--	720	--
OatsBu.	26	22	13	15	47.0	--	611	--
Peanuts for NutsLb.	67.0	77.0	64.0	73.0	3,400	3,000	217,600	219,000
Sorghum for Grain 1/.....Bu.	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Soybeans for Beans Bu.	465	400	455	390	23.0	26.0	10,465	10,140
Tobacco, Flue-CuredLb.	--	--	16.0	14.5	2,250	1,600	36,000	23,200
Tobacco, AllLb.	--	--	16.0	14.5	2,250	1,600	36,000	23,200
Wheat, Winter Bu.	145	200	130	190	36.0	59.0	4,680	11,210
UNITED STATES								
Corn for Grain 1/.....Bu.	88,192	92,282	81,446	84,388	152.8	148.1	12,446,865	12,497,070
Cotton, Upland Lb. & Bales	10,770.0	14,431.0	10,497.0	9,562.0	805	794	17,600.0	15,819.0
Hay, AllTon	--	--	59,862	57,605	2.43	2.29	145,556	131,998
Oats Bu.	3,138	2,587	1,263	934	64.3	61.6	81,190	57,489
Peanuts for NutsLb.	1,288.0	1,152.0	1,255.0	1,117.0	3,311	3,104	4,155,600	3,457,900
Soybeans for Beans Bu.	77,404	75,208	76,616	73,823	43.5	41.8	3,329,341	3,085,340
Tobacco, Flue-CuredLb.	--	--	210.9	217.5	2,143	1,745	451,860	379,450
Tobacco, AllLb.	--	--	337.5	337.4	2,130	1,875	718,883	632,679
Wheat, WinterBu.	37,335	41,108	31,749	32,307	46.8	46.3	1,485,236	1,497,429

FARM LABOR

There were 1,186,000 hired workers on the Nation's farms and ranches during the week of July 10-16, 2011, down 5 percent from a year ago. Of these hired workers, 836,000 workers were hired directly by farm operators. Agricultural services employees on farms and ranches made up the remaining 350,000 workers. Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$10.90 per hour during the July 2011 reference week, up 11 cents

from a year earlier. Field workers received an average of \$10.24 per hour, up 15 cents from last July, while livestock workers earned \$10.28 per hour compared with \$10.15 a year earlier. The field and livestock worker combined wage rate, at \$10.25 per hour, was up 14 cents from last year. The number of hours worked averaged 41.3 hours for hired workers during the survey week, up 1 percent from a year ago.

Employment, Hours Worked and Wage Rates, Southeast, July 10-16, 2011 1/

Farm Employment	July 11-17, 2010	April 10-16, 2011 1/	July 10-16, 2011
HIRED WORKERS:	Thousand		
Expected to be Employed:			
150 Days or More.....	627		606
149 Days or Less	258		230
Total	885		836
Agricultural services			
Workers working on farms.....	360		350
Hired farm and service workers.....	1,245		1,186
HOURS WORKED:	Hours per Week		
Hired Workers.....	40.7		41.3
WAGE RATES:	Dollars per Hour		
Field & Livestock Combined.....	10.11		10.25
Field.....	10.09		10.24
Livestock.....	10.15		10.28
All hired workers 2/ 3/.....	10.79		10.90

1/Benefits, such as housing and meals, are provided some workers but the values are not included in the wage rates. 2/ Excludes agricultural service workers.

